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Apprenticeship in Polytechnic course

* 2761 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have selected any factories in Malabar for apprenticeship in Polytechnic course, and if so, how many;

(*b*) whether the Government have obtained any assurance from such factories that they will take in apprentices; and

(*c*) whether any of these factories have since declined to take in apprentices?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir. The Government do not select any factories for giving apprenticeship training to the students of the polytechnics. Evidently the hon. Member wants information regarding the factories in Malabar approved by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras, for giving apprenticeship training to the students. If so, a list[a] of such factories is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) The question does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the Government are aware that quite a number of persons passing out of these polytechnic institutions find it very difficult to get fixed up in any of the factories. There is quite a lot of gate-crashing by the trainees to secure admission as apprentices and consequently there is recommendation or that sort of thing. Those factories which are approved by the Government must be made to accept some apprentices. Will the Government take the necessary steps?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall examine what can be done.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Government have any proposal to absorb the students after their training and apprenticeship?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think there is any such proposal.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions Nos. 2762 and 2763 will be taken up together.

Uniforms for hospital workers

* 2762 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether uniforms have been supplied to the last grade servants employed in the Government hospitals in the State; and

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(*b*) the date when these were supplied last in the Kozhikode Government General(?) Hospital and the General Hospital at Madras?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Certain hospital workers are provided with free clothing by Government. A statement showing the categories of staff in the Government hospitals to whom clothing is supplied free of cost, was laid on the table of the House—vide pages 80–81 of the Proceedings of the Legislature, dated the 14th May 1954.

(*b*) The date of last supply of uniforms to the last grade servants in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, was on 26th September 1952. The dates of last supply in respect of each class of servants in the Government General Hospital, Madras, are as follows :—

(1) Men nursing orderlies, men toties, lascars, peons and attendants—17th December 1953.

(2) Chauffers—10th January 1954.

(3) Women nursing orderlies, women toties and sweepers—16th December 1954.

(4) Servants of the Bernard Institute of Radiology—31st May 1954.

* 2763 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 435 on the 17th December 1954, the decision taken by the Government in regard to the issue of uniforms to the workers of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The matter is under consideration of Government.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Last time when some of us visited certain hospitals in connexion with our work on the Estimates Committee, we found toties and other last grade servants dressed in old and worn-out rags. It was a most humiliating sight to see. May I know whether the Hon. Minister believes that poor toties who get a very meagre wage can afford to purchase dress? The last supply of the uniform was made in 1952, that is three years ago. So will the Government see that these poor employees at least are given uniform every year and in time?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I am sorry there has been so much delay. Indents are placed by the heads of medical institutions with the Controller of Stationery and Printing, Madras. He has been given reminders in this matter. The Director of Medical Services is considering also the question of allowing the heads of institutions to purchase cloth and get it stitched.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that for the past three years the hospital employees have not got their dress? 9 30 a.m Are the Government also aware that representations were made to the Director of Medical Services and to the Hon. Minister also in